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BABIES PROFIT THIRD VICTORY

INFANT MORTALITY RECORD
FOR AUGUST SHOWS DE-
CREASE THIS YEAR.

Michigan mothers and babies scored the third victory of the season over the enemies of infant health and shattered all infant mortality records of the state health department for the past ten years. According to figures given out today by Dr. R. M. Olin, state commissioner of health, 739 less babies under one year, died during the first eight months of 1922 than during the same period of last year.

During August of this year 482 babies died while during the same month of last year, 685 infant deaths were recorded, bringing the total number saved last month to 203. During July 143 less babies died than in the corresponding month of last year and June saw a saving of 63. Up to August 1, last year, 5137 infants died while the same date this year shows 4418 deaths or a decrease of 719. Of this number 409 were saved in the three danger months of the year June, July and August.

The August 1922 infant mortality rate of 69.1 per 1000 living births is a record for the past ten years. The closest mark to the 1922 figure was set up in October 1920 when the rate dropped to 69.7. The average rate for the past ten years is 73.3. The August 1921 rate was 84.7.

The reduction is traced to the cool weather during the past summer and the broadening of educational facilities by state and local health departments. Figures given out by the United States Weather bureau here show that the past summer was cooler than the summer of 1921. Due to the low temperature of August it is expected that the September infant mortality rate which is usually high will be greatly reduced.

The number of births during August more than doubled the number of deaths. There were 6,016 babies born while 3,075 persons died.

Fall Season Good Time to Seed Lawn

Fall is one of the best seasons of the year to seed a lawn, provided the work is done early enough to give the seed a chance to become developed sufficiently to withstand freezing, according to Prof. C. P. Halligan, head of the M. A. C. Landscape Gardening department.

Lawns seeded at this time, between September 15 and the middle of October, are said to develop to better advantage and with less cost of maintenance than spring seeded lawns. This is true because of the fact that any weed seed present in the mixture sown will germinate and the weeds will be destroyed during the winter.

"The soil should be well prepared to a depth of a foot or more," says Professor Halligan. "It should then be thoroughly rolled. The surface of the soil should be raked finely to a depth of not more than an inch and the seed sown broadcast by hand in such a manner as to insure uniform distribution. Select a day when the soil is moist and when there is little or no wind. After the seed is sown, the soil may be raked very lightly and then thoroughly rolled."

"Whenever lawns are to be developed under shade trees, such as maples and oaks, great care should be used and the date of seeding should be made as early as possible in the fall. When seeded late in the fall, the grass is likely to be mothered where large trees drop their leaves, if the leaves are not removed within a day or two after forming a mat."

"Seed varieties used in the mixture to be sown should be adapted to soil and climatic conditions."

WEATHER SUMMARY
F. L. Delevan, co-operative observer, reports the following weather summary for September. The mean maximum temperature was 76 degrees and the mean minimum was 48 degrees. The maximum was 95 degrees on September 8, and the minimum was 33 degrees on September 25. The total precipitation for the month was 1.71 inches, the greatest amount in 24 hours being 1.01 inches on September 10. On 8 different days .01 inches of precipitation fell. There were 21 clear days during the month, 1 partly cloudy and 8 cloudy.

Local News

A. W. Davis was in Saginaw on business Wednesday.

C. M. Johnson is in Detroit for a few days on business.

Hugh Tedham was in Detroit on business the first of the week.

Miss Mary Dickerson visited with relatives in Lansing the first of the week.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers.—advertisement.

Allen Highfield of Greenville was in the city visiting with friends on Sunday.

Jerome Kanter of Owosso, former commissioner of Gratiot county, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Watch for the Presbyterian Rummage sale. Date will be given soon.—advertisement.

E. R. Laycock of Ithaca, drain commissioner of Gratiot county, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones.—advertisement.

Mrs. Edward McLean left last week for a visit with relatives and friends in various cities in New York. Circuit Judge M. L. Dunham of Grand Rapids spent the week end in this city visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winter have rented their home on Rockingham avenue and expect to leave with their family for Detroit where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nagel and children left Monday evening for Denver, Colorado, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Saad, who have been spending the summer months at Budd lake, near Harrison, have returned to their home in Alma.

John Wright and George Rogers of Detroit are visiting with old Alma friends this week. They will be remembered as former residents of this city.

The Fortnightly Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet Tuesday, October 10, at 3:00 p. m., at the home of Mrs. W. A. Bahlke, State street.

The L. O. T. M. circle will meet with Mrs. Bert Hagerman Thursday afternoon, October 12, at 228 Park avenue. All members are urged to be present.

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Attorney Charles H. Goggin is in Lansing today and this afternoon will make the argument before the Supreme Court in behalf of William M. Smith in the Eight district nomination fight.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church will have a baked goods sale on Saturday, October 7, at the office of the Gratiot County Gas Co. There will be pickles, jelly and canned fruit for sale as well as baked goods.—advertisement

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hull and family and Mr. Lewis Hull, all of Lansing, visited at the home of their brother, Rev. C. H. Hull, over the week end. Miss Dossie Davis who has been working in Lansing this summer came with them to spend Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hamlin of St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall of Port Huron arrived Wednesday for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bahlke on State street. Mr. Hamlin was in business with Mr. Green under the firm name of Hamlin & Green in this city over thirty years ago. This is the first visit that he has made to Alma in the past thirty years.

A number of people from here were in Ithaca Saturday evening attending the Republican rally at which Senator Jones of Washington, Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, Bird J. Vincent and William M. Smith spoke. Mr. Fordney had little to say in regard to the recent primary fight to choose his Republican successor other than the suggestion of the district could not have two candidates on the same ticket.

Strand Theatre
Rodolph Valentino
in
"Blood and Sand"
COMING SOON

Must Provide for Receptacle or Slot

Calling attention to delays that are experienced by carriers where there are no door slots for mail or receptacles, which in turn makes for inferior service, John R. Bartlett, first assistant postmaster general has instructed postmasters to ask that such lots or receptacles be provided at all residences and places of business within a reasonable time.

The order provides that after a reasonable length of time if it becomes necessary mail service will be discontinued for those who fail to provide door slots or receptacles for mail.

Carrier delivery service is not to be extended to any new dwelling not so equipped and when a patron changes his place of residence he must procure suitable receptacle before mail service delivery will be extended to him.

EAST ALMA

David Garrison, Grafton Avenue, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. At this writing he is slightly improved. Mrs. Garrison is down with an attack of bronchitis.

James W. Pitman, Eastward street, celebrated his seventy-third birthday last Saturday. A number of relatives met at the Pitman home and gave him a surprise. He has a host of friends in this community who wish him health and happiness.

Eastminster Ladies' Aid met at Mrs. Olive Cole's home, Grove ave., on Friday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Westcott, Hayes avenue, on Friday afternoon, October 13.

Clarence Humphrey, Grove avenue, is making splendid progress towards complete recovery from his severe auto accident. Happily for him he had just taken out an accident insurance a few days before the auto knocked him over.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and Miss Lida Ward went nutting Monday. They secured a large quantity of walnuts and hickory nuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills and family have moved from the west end of the city to a new home on Carolina avenue.

The Vincent Circle of the M. E. church will hold their monthly baked goods sale at the Hanley Electric Co. store, 213 East Superior street, on Saturday afternoon, October 14.

Eastminster Chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity last Sunday evening. The seven reel film called the "Stream of Life" was shown and the wonderfully touching scenes from real life brought tears to many eyes. Three reels were put on the screen and the remaining four reels will be shown this Sunday evening, October 8th at seven o'clock. The ushers at the chapel hope to get a seat for everyone who comes.

The members of the Alma school board are to be congratulated on the splendid play-ground equipment they have provided for the pupils at Republic school. Miss Stitt and her able band of teachers are to be commended also for their persistence in seeking the best to be had for the school they serve so well and faithfully. A merry-go-round, swings, teeter-totters, ocean-wave, and various other things have been erected in the Elm Grove woods behind the school. This equipment goes a long way in solving the problem of keeping the children, after school hours, from roaming aimlessly in the streets and getting into mischief. The boys and girls enjoy every minute in the playground until darkness drives them home ready for a good night of sound sleep.

EMERSON

The Sunday School social at Mrs. Reed's home Friday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Florence Presler was home over Sunday from Alma where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffith and son, Raymond, spent Sunday with relatives at Mt Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann visited with friends in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

The Mission Circle meets with Mrs. Lucy Mizer one-half mile west of Alma on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Peters visited with her sister, Mrs. Shepard, of Breckenridge on Saturday.

Ray Loudenslager has purchased a farm near Mason and has moved his goods there.

Arthur Tedham has purchased the Polarwitch farm and has moved there.

Mrs. Jane Laycock of Pompeii spent the past week at the H. Basore home.

Mrs. Jennie Reed is spending several weeks with her grandmother at McBride.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimated that the per capita consumption of eggs in this country is one half an egg per day.

According to conservative estimates, approximately \$100,000,000 have been spent by tourists in Canada this season.

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